

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 5505  
INFO AMEMBASSY ALGIERS  
AMEMBASSY BAGHDAD  
AMEMBASSY CARACAS  
AMCONSUL DHAHRAN  
AMEMBASSY JAKARTA  
AMEMBASSY JIDDA  
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AMEMBASSY VIENNA  
AMEMBASSY DOHA

S E C R E T ABU DHABI 0223

LIMDIS

DEPT PASS BAGHDAD

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS : ENRG, OPEC

SUBJECT : UAE OIL PRICES AND CONSULTATIONS FOR  
EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

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REF: A) DOHA'S 072, B) KUWAIT'S 349 C) ABU DHABI'S 155

1. ACCORDING TO WHAT ABU DHABI PETROLEUM UNDERSECRETARY  
ABDALLAH ISMAIL TOLD ME JANUARY 20, THERE WILL BE NO  
DIFFERENTIALS FOR ABU DHABI CRUDES " FOR THE TIME BEING".  
DECISION TAKEN FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS LAST WEEK BETWEEN

OIL MINISTER YAMANI AND OIL MINISTER UTAYBA IN ABU DHABI (REF C),  
ACCORDING TO ISMAIL, UNDER FORMULA THAT WAS PRESENTED AT  
DOHA OPEC CONFERENCE, ABU DHABI CRUDES WOULD HAVE BEEN ENTITLED  
TO DIFFERENTIALS VARYING BETWEEN 15 CENTS AND 30 CENTS  
PER BARREL DEPENDING ON SULFUR CONTENT AND GRAVITY, BUT  
UAE HAD CHOSEN TO FORE-GO THIS AND WAIT TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS TO  
TO IMPACT OF SAUDI/UAE POSITION AT DOHA ON PRICES OF  
OTHER GULF CRUDES, ESPECIALLY KUWAIT, IRAN AND QATAR, WHICH  
HE EXPECTED WILL BE ADJUSTED DOWNWARD ONE WAY OR ANOTHER.

2. WITH REGARD TO AN EXTRAORDINARY OPEC MINISTERIAL, HE SAID THAT  
IRAQ HAD TRIED TO HAVE A SPECIAL MINISTERIAL OF ONLY  
ELEVEN OPEC MEMBERS LEAVING SAUDI ARABIA AND UAE OUT OF  
MEETING, BUT THAT KUWAIT AND OTHER STATES  
HAD OBJECTED TO THIS SINCE IT WOULD DIVIDE OPEC. AT  
MOMENT, QATAR MINISTER OF OIL AL THANI (REFS A AND B) WAS  
VISITING DIFFERENT OPEC CAPITALS IN THE GULF TO SEE IF  
SOME NEW APPROACH COULD BE WORKED OUT TO ALLOW PARTICIPATION  
OF ALL OPEC COUNTRIES IN EXTRAORDINARY OPEC MINISTERIAL. HE  
EXPECTED QATARI MINISTR WOULD ALSO BE COMING TO ABU DHABI  
SOON, BUT DID NOT SEEM PARTICULARLY SANGUINE THAT QATARIS  
WOULD BE ABLE WORK SOMETHING OUT UNLESS AL THANI'S TALKS  
IN IRAN WERE SUCCESSFUL.

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